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Meadowlands Educators' Art Exhibit Opens at NJMC

LYNDHURST, N.J. – Continuing its mission to encourage arts in the Meadowlands, the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission will unveil the first “Educators’ Art Exhibit” in the Flyway Gallery of the Meadowlands Environment Center next week. The exhibit will showcase the work of administrators, faculty and staff from schools throughout the 14-town Meadowlands District from March 2 to 31.

“The people who work in our schools perform such an important job every day, so it is with great joy that we give them an opportunity to be creative outside the classroom and appreciate their talents,” said NJMC Chair Susan Bass Levin, also the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Commissioner. “This is another way to thank them for the time and effort they put into educating our children.”

School staffs from the 14 Meadowlands District municipalities -- Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Little Ferry, Lyndhurst, Moonachie, North Arlington, Ridgefield, Rutherford, South Hackensack, Teterboro, Jersey City, Kearny, North Bergen and Secaucus -- were invited to submit work for the show. This exhibit also will include works from two regional schools, the Bergen County Academies and Bergen County Special Services. More than 21 artists entered their works, include paintings, drawings, collage or mixed media for this show. Each artist was allowed up to three entries for the exhibit.

“We are pleased with the response of the local teachers and staff who have demonstrated, through their creativity, that they have many talents and interests to share outside the classroom,” said NJMC Executive Director Robert Ceberio. “With this exhibit, as well as our recent photo contest and artwork exhibit by our own staff, we’re proud to offer schoolchildren, eco-tourists and all residents of the Meadowlands community a fresh reason to visit the Environment Center.”

The Meadowlands Environment Center is an NJMC facility operated by Ramapo College of New Jersey. The MEC is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (201) 460-8300 or log on to www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec.

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